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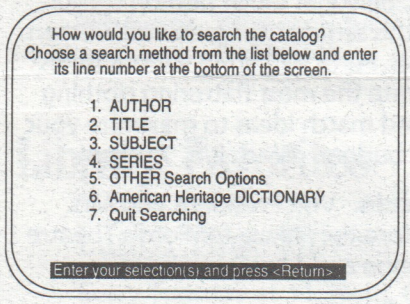
Morton Grove Public Library

Commemorate Centennial Days at the Library

This year the Village of Morton Grove celebrates its centennial. The Morton Grove Public Library will mark the centennial with a monthly series of historical programs. As your resource for information about the past, present and future, we'll also offer trivia tidbits on a number of different subjects. Ever wondered what books were popular 100 years ago? How much the average book cost? What businesses were in Morton Grove in 1895 and how many are still around? What were the controversial issues of the late 19th century? The Library will have bookmarks, bibliographies and displays answering these questions. We can answer your questions too.

New Computer System Installed

Installation of the Library's new Dynix computer system was completed November 2. Both patrons and staff are pleased with the new system, finding it both easier to use and faster than the old system. Many new features are planned for the next few months, including making magazine article indexes available through the catalog terminals. Why not come in and give it a try?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Effective Jan. 1...

...two new charges take effect to help ensure the availability of library materials to the largest number of people. First, a $2.00 charge will be assessed on videos, compact discs, and audiocassettes returned in the book drop. These materials must be returned to the Check-Out desk because they are easily damaged when other materials fall on them in the book drop. Second, a $1.00 charge will be assessed for each interlibrary loan or magazine article photocopy that is not picked up. A more detailed description of these changes is available in the Nov./Dec. issue of *Focus*, the Morton Grove Public Library's newsletter.

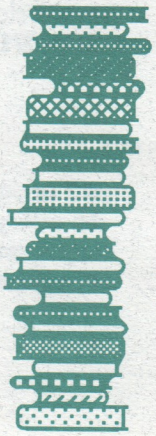
Making History Today

The Library celebrates Morton Grove's centennial with a banner of readers.

History is not only what happened 100 years ago – history is being created every day. The Library invites you to add your name, and the year you moved to Morton Grove, to our "Making History Today" banner. The banner will be ready for your signature at the start of National Library Week, April 9. You'll have until the end of June to sign on; all you need is a desire to be part of Morton Grove history. Look for the "Making History Today" banner in the 4th of July parade, and come see it on display in the Baxter Room during July and August. Morton Grove readers — sign on!

Library Outreach Volunteer Needed

The Library is looking for a reliable volunteer to select and deliver library books to Bethany Terrace Nursing Home. This weekly outreach effort is a perfect way to share your joy of reading with those unable to visit the Library. Make a difference in people's lives - be a volunteer.



MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

The Library will be closed Sunday, Jan. 1

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

January

1/1	Su	Closed for New Year's Day	
1/3	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/10	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/10	Tu	7:00	Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion Group
1/12	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
1/13	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
1/14	Sa	10:30	Computer Overview - word processing, spread sheets, data bases & drawing
1/15	Su	2:00	*An Amazing Grace*: video on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
1/16	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *River Wild* PG-13 (111min)
1/17	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/24	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/28	Sa	2:00	"The Gay Nineties" 1890-1900
1/31	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movie

February

2/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/8	We	7:00	Wardrobing Seminar with Nordstrom's fashion consultants
2/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
2/10	Fi	10:00	New Book Showcase
2/12	Su	2:00	Dramatic Performance: *An Evening With Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln*
2/13	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Shawshank Redemption* R (142min)
2/14	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/21	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/28	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

Programs

January

Thinking Out Loud- Book Group Discussion: Roberta Johnson will facilitate the inaugural MGPL Book Group discussing Bobbie Ann Mason's novel *Feather Crowns.* Bring your ideas, insight and suggestions for future book discussions. **Tues. 1/10, 7:00pm**

Computer Overview: Cathy Donnelly, computer lab instructor at Evanston Township High School will conduct this seminar introducing various computer applications. This integrated program will examine word processing, drawing, spreadsheets and databases using Claris Works. **Sat. 1/14, 10:30am**

An Amazing Grace: a sixty-minute video overview of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., including excerpts from his most famous speeches and interviews. **Sun. 1/15, 2:00pm**

"The Gay Nineties": 1890 - 1900 - Dr. Maurice Guysenir will profile the history and culture of the late 19th century through slides, narration and music. This presentation will be the first in a series of programs the Library will be offering in honor of Morton Grove's centennial. **Sat. 1/28, 2:00pm**

February

Wardrobing Seminar: Mira Peros, personal touch fashion consultant from Nordstrom, will conduct this seminar for men and women interested in good fashion sense. Ms. Peros will bring various items from Nordstrom's to help demonstrate the most flattering clothing for your body type, as well as mix and match ideas to maximize your wardrobe without wiping out your budget. **Wed. 2/8, 7:00pm**

An Evening with Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln: Visit President and Mrs. Lincoln at the White House just before they leave for Ford's Theatre in this dramatic performance by Donna and Max Daniels. **Sun. 2/12, 2:00pm**

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library's Program Coordinator at 708-965-4220 (TDD: 965-4236)

Films

January

River Wild PG-13 (111 min) A family's white water rafting trip goes awry when they are taken hostage by two criminals. Meryl Streep stars as a former raft guide who must use her skills to save her family. **Mon. 1/16, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

February

Shawshank Redemption R (142 min) Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman star in this film adaptation of a Stephen King story about a bank executive convicted of murder. **Mon. 2/13, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

Art Exhibits

Baxter Room

January - *Waves of Thread* - Linda Denier's tapestries of dynamic color bringing detailed imagery to life.

February - *Concept, Color, Content* - a collection of works created by artists of the Art Encounter's Critique Group.

Lobby Display Case

January African Americans hidden from history

February Wire sculptures of Mel DeMatoff

Library Favorites

Lunch Time Movies

Every Tuesday at 11:30am, the Morton Grove Public Library screens an hour and a half of movies covering a range of interesting topics. Bring your lunch and sit back for our travelogs, documentaries, biographies and nature films.

New Book Showcase

Join us at 10:00 am the second Friday of each month for a preview of the latest Library acquisitions. **Friday, January 13** and **Friday, February 10.**

Kids Programs

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books contest between teams from area schools has finished for competitors in grades 4 - 6. During the meets the students were quizzed with timed questions about books from a 50 item booklist. The Parkview Book Warriors II won with 485 points. East Prairie Royal Readers had 445 points. The Golf Cardinal Crushers came in with 298 points. Golf Book Worms gathered 246 points, and the Golf Battlers pulled in with 136 points. Congratulations to all our Battle of the Books competitors.

The 7th and 8th grade Battle of the Books begins in early February, meeting on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4:00pm. Come watch these students take on the challenge and score with the Battle of the Books.

Dinosaur Derby

Our dinosaurs are off and running! All teams are now being formed and a few positions are still available. Beginning January 2, readers may bring their scoresheets to the Children's Room to have the scores recorded. For every 25 points recorded, you may pick a prize from our dinosaur jar. The game will continue through Saturday, April 29. Bring in your scoresheets. Support your team. Don't let your dinosaurs become extinct!

Special President's Day Program

Become a detective and learn about the world of dinosaurs in the "Dinosaur Discovers" program on Monday, Feb. 20 at 2:00pm in the Baxter Room.

Children's Classes

Winter session begins Jan. 9

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

Monday	1:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am
Thursday	6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:

Thursday	10:30 am
Friday	10:30 am

Class limit – 12 children and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2

Monday	7:00pm

Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts

Grades 1-3 Mon.	4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri.	4:00 pm

Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:

Grades 2-6	
Wed. or Thurs.	4:00 pm

Class limit - 40

No New Tax Forms

The Morton Grove Public Library will no longer carry Illinois Department of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service tax forms. Forms can be obtained by calling or visiting the following offices:

Internal Revenue Service
8125 River Dr.
Suite 103
Northgrove Corporate Park
Morton Grove, IL 60053
(800) 829-1040
(River Dr. is off of Lehigh, just north of Oakton.)

Illinois Dept. of Revenue
9511 West Harrison Ave.
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(312) 814-5232 or
(800) 624-2459

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Reference Round-up

The Morton Grove Public Library encourages hearing-impaired patrons to take advantage of our TDD, (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf). The TDD is located at the Reference Desk and takes messages 24 hours a day. Users should note that in order to ensure that no calls are missed, the TDD's automatic answering feature is **always** active. Callers will see a brief message and should then type their own response, be it a reference question, or a question about programs and services. The caller should then leave his or her name and TDD number so the reference librarian can return the call. Every patron call is important to us. We realize that waiting for a message to be returned may seem inconvenient, but we feel this system is the best guarantee that all TDD calls will be answered in a timely fashion. Any patrons experiencing problems reaching us by TDD may contact the library through the Illinois Relay Center: TDD 1-800-526-0844.

Your Health: Staying Informed
Alternative Medicine, the Definitive Guide R 615.5 ALT
Reader's Guide to Alternative Health Methods R 615.5 REA

Vitamin therapy, homeopathy, naturopathic medicine...we've all heard them touted on talk shows. But how does the savvy health consumer decide if such alternative therapies are really worth trying? These two books can help. *Alternative Medicine, the Definitive Guide* describes nearly 50 non-traditional treatments and lists specialty organizations which provide further information. *Reader's Guide to Alternative Health Methods*, a publication of the American Medical Association, takes a more skeptical approach, giving the AMA's opinions, but listing resources both critical and supportive of each treatment type. Use them both to make informed choices.

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